

Super Thermal Power Plant in Orissa

3044. SHRI SRIBALLAV PANIGRAHI: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Super Thermal Power Plant at Hirma in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES: (a) and (b). National Thermal Power Corpn. (NTPC) has initiated site investigations and other preliminary activities towards formulating a proposal for setting up of a Super Thermal Power Project near Hirma village in Sambalpur Dist. of Orissa. Govt. of Orissa has agreed in principle to provide land and consumptive water requirement for the project. Coal is proposed to be linked to Ib Valley Coalfield. NTPC has initiated action for preparation of feasibility report for Stage-I of the project comprising 4x500 MW Units. The ultimate capacity of the Project is proposed to be 300 MW (4x500MW + 2x5000MW).

Serials approved on Commissioned and Non-Commissioned basis.

3045. SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of serials approved by Doordarshan on commissioned and non-commissioned basis during the last three years;

(b) the number and names of such serials which were cleared on commission basis but due to shortage of funds these were

asked to be produced on non-commissioned basis, and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) According to Doordarshan, a total number of 130 serials were approved during the last 3 years under the old Sponsorship Scheme and under the Commissioned Scheme.

(b) and (c). No commissioned programme has been diverted to any other category due to shortage of funds.

Manibhadra and Bhimkund Dam Projects in Orissa

3046. SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have received any proposal for the construction of Manibhadra and Bhimkund dam projects in the State;

(b) if so, since when these are pending alongwith the reasons therefore; and

(c) the time by which these are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) and (b). Manibhadra Flood Control-Cum-Power Project envisaging construction of an earthen dam across river Mahanadi near village Darkarisahi at an estimated cost of Rs. 1103. 12 crores was received in Central Water Commission in 10/ 1985. After examination the project was sent back to the State in 1/89 due to deficiencies in project planning for submission of a modified report.

Bhimkund Multipurpose Project Stage-I envisaging construction of a dam at Neopara on river Baitarni, two power houses with a total installed capacity of 393 MW and flood control benefits to an area of 1400 sq. km. estimated to cost Rs. 328.15 crores was received in Central Water Commission in 6/1980. After examination the project was sent back to the State in 1/1983 due to non-compliance of observations by the State. Bhimkund Multi-purpose Project State-II has not been received in Central Water Commission for techno-economic appraisal.

(c) The State is required to submit modified reports on Manibhadra and Bhimkund State-I Projects and detailed project report for Bhimkund Stage-II Project.

[Translation]

Landing of Airbuses at Bhopal Airport

3047. SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA VARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal for landing of the Airbuses at Bhopal airport;

(b) if so, the details thereof, including the expenditure involved in it; and

(c) the time by which the project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c). The work of extending the runway upto 670 ft. for AB-320 operation at an estimated cost of Rs. 5 crores is already in progress and is expected to be completed by April, 1992.

[English]

Development of Tourism in West Bengal

3048. SHRIMATI MALINI BHATTACHARAYA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of West Bengal propose to develop sports of tourist interest in the State with the assistance of Union Government during Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER FOR CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Eighth Five Year Plan is yet to be finalised.

[Translation]

Telephone Connections in Madhya Pradesh

3049. SHRI SURAJBHANU SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the district-wise number of telephone connections provided in Madhya Pradesh during each of the last three years; and

(b) the steps taken to improve and modernise Telecommunication service in the State?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The information is given in the attached Statement.

(b) The information is given in the attached Statement.